

Export Outlook for Cotton & Linters

Revised Forecast for 2001:  \$100 Million to \$2.1 Billion

Initial Projection for 2002:  \$200 Million to \$2.3 Billion

Revised FY 2001 Forecast (since May)

Key Upside Developments

- Volume & value raised slightly to 1.6 mmt valued at \$2.1 billion as buyer activity increased with lower prices

Key Downside Developments

- Prices weaken

Initial FY 2002 Projection

Key Upside Developments

- Record 2001/02 domestic crop & current weak prices support a 400,000 mt increase in exports to 2.0 mmt

Key Downside Developments

- US stocks are rising

Wild Cards

- Weaker US economy could slow US cotton exports to Mexico/other countries that re-export textiles to US

U.S. Cotton Exports (\$Bil)

